

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Thomas A. Boyd et al.  
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SYNDROME  
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2008, applicant responds as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.